

From: Brian J. Frankovich <bsiags@hotmail.com>  
To: A7.A7(rchong)  
Date: May 4, 1997 10:53pm  
Subject: Adopt! Thank you!!

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Please adopt the joint commission's request to fund our school's libraries and classrooms with the necessary funds to help us all have a chance to have internet access at an affordable rate. Thanks for your consideration in helping all our nation's children have an equal opportunity to share in this super resource.

Thank you,

Brian Frankovich, Principal  
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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

From: <tommy@roxboro.net>  
To: A7.A7(rchong)  
Date: May 5, 1997 11:25am  
Subject: Modem Tax

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Dear Comissioner Chong,

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

I own a small ISP in North Carolina. I am writing this letter to urge you not to vote for the proposed "modem tax", a provision of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 (sponsored by Senators Olympia Snowe, Jay Rockefeller, James Exon, and Bob Kerrey). We do not think this tax is fair, nor necessary. Our company already provides completely FREE access to every student and teacher in our school system currently. I know of other examples of ISPs who provide free access to school systems as well. This tax would greatly impact our business, and could possibly have ludicrous results. For example, the increased cost we incur due to this tax may cause us to cancel our free access for students and teachers, in order that we can charge them to pay for the tax increase that is supposed to provide them low-cost access.

I urge you to vote against this proposal. Thank you.

Sincerely

Tommy Bowen

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From: Steve Horrighs <steve@cityscape.net>  
To: J1.J1(FCCMAIL)  
Date: May 5, 1997 9:50am  
Subject: Modem Tax.

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

As a member of the Association of Online Professionals i am Strongly opposed to your "Modem Tax" that you are voting on May 8th, 1997.

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From: "Larry L. Williard" <circuit@bigfoot.com>  
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)  
Date: May 5, 1997 12:38pm  
Subject: Re: Tax

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Larry L. Williard wrote:

Ms. Chong:

I work at home and have 2 phone lines, one I use for personel communications and one just for faxes and internet. I think that this new tax is grosely unfair, I live in the country and only have one choice of phone companies and have to pay more than the average consumer because there is no competition here. I would receive no added benifet from this tax only burden, The schools here already have free internet access provided through volenteers, such as the power companies and internet providers. A single home phone line witout any extras alredy cost approx \$25.00 including tax, and my calling radius is aprox 7 miles and 2000 people only. I beg you to reconsider this added tax. The internet is my only link with the outside world. This idea would also kill the volenteer spirite that exists in the rural communities throughout America.

Thank you

Larry Williard

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From: Julie Werner <juliew@baypartners.com>  
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)  
Date: May 5, 1997 1:07pm  
Subject: E-Rate Plan

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Yes, please support the E-rate plan.

-Neal Dempsey

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**From:** Dorothy Barnett <dotb129@ourtownusa.com>  
**To:** A7.A7(rhundt)  
**Date:** May 5, 1997 4:26pm  
**Subject:** Modem Tax

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Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

To Whom It May Concern:

I would like more information on the so called Modem Tax. I understand that this will raise the price of my home internet access incredibly.

While I understand the need for schools & hospitals to have affordable internet access, I do not understand why we, the working middle class will have to loose ours because we can't afford it. I am a Daycare provider who gets many ideas for my business from the internet. I am also a parent with elementary aged children who use the access for school. If you price ours out of our budget, my children, who do not have access at school, will have no access at all.

Please consider this as you make your decisions. I hope I will hear back from you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

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Dorothy Barnett

CC: A7.A7(RCHONG,sness,jquello)

**From:** John S Pool <johnp@uidaho.edu>  
**To:** A7.A7(RCHONG)  
**Date:** May 5, 1997 3:08pm  
**Subject:** Universal service for libraries

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Commissioner Chong,

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

I am a library trustee for a county-wide library district in northern Idaho, and am active in library public library affairs on a statewide basis. I am writing to urge you to support providing discounted rates for libraries seeking to hook up to and use The Internet.

There are a lot of community libraries in Idaho which could provide patrons with Internet access but are unable to do so because their tax base is so small that the library would have to make a choice between books and access charges. Even bigger systems such as ours (big by Idaho standards, miniscule in a more populated state) find ourselves doing a real juggling act each time we set our annual budget. Of our seven branches, only one has affordable access. Four others (in communities ranging from 659 to 251) pay well over \$100 per month for access; our last two branches, in towns of similar size, pay well over \$1000 a month for dial-up access only. It's a real struggle for us to justify maintaining the Internet connections in those branches. And if it's a struggle for us, libraries in smaller, more remote communities are in even more of a quandry.

We'd appreciate the support of the FCC in getting libraries more affordable Internet access. Thank you.

John S. Pool  
Trustee  
Latah County Free Library District

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CC: FCCMAIL.SMTPNLM("johnp@uidaho.edu")

From: Marian Shostrom <mshostr@muse.sfusd.k12.ca.us>  
To: A7.A7(RCHONG)  
Date: May 5, 1997 1:05pm  
Subject: Discounts for Libraries and schools

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Office of Secretary

Commissioner Chong:

I urge you to support the recommendations of the Federal-State Joint Board which called for discounts ranging from 20-90% on all types of telecommunications services for schools and libraries. These services should include inside networks and cost of internet services.

Schools and libraries are our hope for the future. They are (especially in California) underfunded, and cannot afford to pay high telecommunications costs. Yet access to information is critical for the continuing education of our young people and the general public--the people who use libraries.

Thank you for your consideration,

Marian Shostrom  
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From: "John P. Kramer" <jpkramer@cin.net>  
To: A7.A7(RHUNDT)  
Date: May 4, 1997 1:45am  
Subject: "Universal Service" Plan

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Chairman Hundt:

Federal Communications Commission  
Office of Secretary

I understand that on Thursday, May 8, you and your commission will vote on the proposed Universal Service plan. I am not only opposed to the plan because it unfairly raises taxes on all those who "can afford to use the Internet" but for the following reasons:

- 1) There has been insufficient study of the subject. There is little or no data to support the need for the tax, or to indicate whether the current proposal will be enough to do the job.
- 2) You want to implement a sweeping new tax before studying the alternatives (e.g., Net Day, access through existing state Internet networks).
- 3) The tax is structured to specifically punish Internet and online services and their subscribers. If the tax is necessary, it should be applied to all consumers and all businesses.

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At a time when everyone is rushing to the Internet (and finding it a lot more expensive than they thought) your team is thinking of making it MORE expensive. The fuel that makes all of your social engineering go, is taxes. "What can it hurt - it's just another tax?" Well, you're right. It IS just another tax. But where does it all end?

I know, I know. I'm an obstructionist, or worse; mean spirited. Not so! I just WORK for a living and I'm about tapped out.

I wonder what would happen if all the hard working, God fearing, tax paying saps who fund all of this stuff, just one day quit? That's right, quit. Interesting thought.

You've got friends and family. Heck, I'll bet YOU even pay taxes. Everybody's going to be hit with this. But you're not working with a bottomless pit of money. If this is such a worthwhile endeavor, then find another way. Don't always look for the one that's the easiest (force). Use some imagination, some creativity. Come up with a campaign aimed at volunteerism, donations, etc. Why does it always have to be ANOTHER TAX! If you look somewhere else I'll be the first one to applaud your effort!

Well I guess by now you KNOW how I feel. Thanks for taking the time to find out.

Sincerely,  
John P. Kramer

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